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SUBJECT: USUN INSTRUCTION: CIRCULATE SUDAN PANEL OF
EXPERTS RESOLUTION

¶1. This is an action request. USUN is instructed to circulate the resolution (text in para 2) that will extend the mandate of the current UNSC Sudan Sanctions Committee's Panel of Experts (POE). The POE's mandate expires 15 October.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

¶2. The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the situation in Sudan, in particular resolutions 1779 (2007) of 28 September 2007, 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, 1713 (2006) of 29 September 2006, 1672 (2006) of 25 April 2006, 1665 (2006) of 29 March 2006, 1651 (2005) of 21 December 2005, 1591 (2005) of 29 March 2005, and 1556 (2004) of 30 July 2004, and the statements of its President concerning Sudan,

Stressing again its firm commitment to the cause of peace throughout Sudan, full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 9 January 2005, full implementation of the framework agreed between the parties for a resolution of the conflict in Darfur (the Darfur Peace Agreement), and an end to the violence and atrocities in Darfur,

Reiterating its belief in the basis provided by the Darfur Peace Agreement for a lasting political solution and sustained security in Darfur, deploring that the Agreement has not been fully implemented by the signatories and not signed by all parties to the conflict in Darfur,

Noting with strong concern the ongoing violence, impunity, and consequent deterioration of the humanitarian situation, and reiterating its deep concern about the security of civilians and humanitarian aid workers and about humanitarian access to populations in need, and calling upon all parties in Darfur to cease offensive actions immediately and to refrain from further violent attacks, underscoring that the 25 August 2008 attack on Kalma internally displaced persons camp by Government of Sudan forces is unacceptable,

Demanding that there should be no aerial bombings and an end to the use in such attacks of aircraft with United Nations markings or painted white to resemble humanitarian operators, strongly urging all parties to the conflict to cooperate with the UN/AU-led Darfur Peace Process under Chief Mediator Djibril Bassole, and demanding that the parties to the conflict exercise restraint and cease military action,

Commending the efforts of, and reiterating its full support for the African Union, the Secretary-General, the joint AU/UN Chief Mediator, and the leaders of the region to promote peace and stability in Darfur, looking forward to the full and rapid deployment of the AU/UN Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), and expressing strong support for the political process under AU/UN-led mediation,

Recalling the 13 April 2007 midterm briefing of the Panel of Experts appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to

paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 1591 (2005) and extended by resolutions 1651 (2005), 1665 (2006), 1713 (2006), and 1779 (2007), and taking note of the Panel's final report presented to the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) and currently under consideration, and expressing its intent to study the Panel's recommendations further and to consider appropriate next steps,

Emphasizing the need to respect the provisions of the Charter concerning privileges and immunities, and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, as applicable to United Nations operations and persons engaged in such operations,

Reaffirming its commitment to the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Sudan, and recalling the importance of the principles of good neighbourliness, non-interference and cooperation in the relations among States in the region,

Determining that the situation in Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

¶1. Decides to extend until 15 October 2009 the mandate of the current Panel of Experts, originally appointed pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) and previously extended by resolutions 1651 (2005), 1665 (2006), 1713 (2006), and 1779 (2007) and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures;

¶2. Requests the Panel of Experts to provide no later than 29 March 2009 a midterm briefing on its work and no later than 90 days after adoption of this resolution an interim report to the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 1591 (2005) and a final report no later than 30 days prior to termination of its mandate to the Council with its finding and recommendations;

¶3. Requests the Panel of Experts to coordinate its activities as appropriate with the operations of the African Union/United Nations Hybrid operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and with UN/AU-led efforts to promote the political process in Darfur under the leadership of Chief Mediator Djibril Bassole and, in this context, further requests the Panel to assess in its interim and final reports progress towards reducing violations by all parties of the measures imposed by paragraphs 7 and 8 of resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph 7 of resolution 1591 (2005), and progress towards reducing impediments to the political process;

¶4. Urges all States, relevant United Nations bodies, the African Union, and other interested parties, to cooperate fully with the Committee and the Panel of Experts, in particular by supplying any information at their disposal on implementation of the measures imposed by resolution 1591 (2005) and resolution 1556 (2004);

¶5. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.

END TEXT

POINT OF CONTACT

¶3. Department POC is Jean T Clark (clarkjt@state.sgov.gov; 202.736.7736) in IO/PSC.

¶4. Department appreciates Mission's efforts.
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